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The public has a right to expect that the men to whom it intrusts its savings will exercise unusual care in their management, and if any reasonable means can be taken to enforce a sense of this obligation upon bankers it will be inclined to approve.

No class of citizens are more deeply interested in the maintenance of a sound money standard than workingmen. Not only should their labor be protected against undue competition by foreign workmen, but the money in which their earnings are paid should be protected against debasement and its purchasing power maintained at the highest point. When it comes to the payment of wages the position of workingmen on the money question should be, "The best is none too good."

AN EMPHATIC REPUTATION.

Two or three weeks ago a dispatch was sent out from Washington announcing that twenty manufacturers who are members of the Philadelphia Manufacturers' Club had held a conference with the silver State Senators who had defeated the House tariff bill, had listened to the demand of the latter to make the free coinage of silver a part of any protective legislation in the future, and had practically assented to it.

The names of the two or three manufacturers who favored the experiment of free coinage of silver were given as representing the sentiment of the members of the club present, while not an intimation of the protest of the majority was embraced in the dispatch. No reporters were present, and the story of the silverite who was the secretary of the meeting was telegraphed without question. For months there had not been a bit of cheering news for the free-trade press, consequently, the New York Evening Post, the New York Times, and later about every free-trade paper in the country made the most that their ingenuity and display headlines could make out of such a story. One of these headlines read, "Conspiracy between the protected manufacturers and the free silverites."

From filling a news column, it became a fruitful theme for editorials. Indeed, it was served up in every form which could be invented to make it appear that the conference was but the prelude of a revolution which would show that the manufacturers of the Nation are in favor of free and unlimited coinage of silver by the United States alone.

As soon as a majority of the manufacturers attending the conference saw the lying report sent out by the silverites several of them caused explanations to be printed to the effect that they attended the conference upon the statement that it had been called to promote the passage of the House revenue bill, and that the greater part of them there declared that they were hostile to free coinage. Not satisfied with such an explanation, a meeting of this club, which contains 1,100 manufacturers, was called to take action upon the silver question. The club held its meeting on Monday, and the action was given in yesterday's Journal. In the most vigorous language that influential body of manufacturers declared against the independent free coinage of silver, asserting that it "would result in disaster at home and dishonor abroad, and would place this country on the basis of silver monometallism."

Amendments were offered, one of which was to the effect that the Republican national convention, but the overwhelming majority of the meeting was in no mood to listen to such half-way propositions. With only a few dissenting voices the vigorous resolutions presented at the meeting were adopted with an earnestness of purpose which indicates the convictions of intelligent business men.

Will the free-trade press which went into the Washington conference to deplore display headlines and editorials to this emphatic denunciation of the free coinage of silver by a club of manufacturers who are protectionists? If they do they have learned to be fair within a very limited period.

RESPONSIBILITY OF BANKERS.

Constitution reigns among the gentlemen engaged in the banking business in the State of Illinois. A law has been on the statute books for some time making it a criminal offense for the officers of a bank to receive deposits within the thirty days preceding a suspension or failure of the bank. No matter what the circumstances or what the cause of suspension, the law says a crime has been committed, for which the punishment must be fine or imprisonment or both. This law remained a dead letter for some time, although more than one failure occurred where it might have been applied. Finally, it was brought up and used successfully in the prosecution of the officers of the Meadowcroft bank. Although everybody understood that Charles Meadowcroft, one of the partners, had nothing to do with the venture, and that the tenants of a great English estate welcome its home-coming from a wedding journey. All the features of such a welcome are pleasantly recalled by the description of the one accorded by the villagers and tenants of Woodstock to the young Duke of Marlborough and his young American bride. Although very wealthy, the Vanderbilt family, to which the bride belongs, has never been accused of lack of Americanism, and the fact that the American flag was displayed beside the British at Woodstock was not the least pleasing feature of the occasion.

THE INCOMPLETE AND PARTIAL PRESENTATION OF FACTS IN THE ORIGINAL RECORD OF THE COURT TO MAKE AN INCOMPLETE DECISION.

That the public interests require that the original decision should be supplemented by one declaring what the machinery for maintaining a republican form of government. Whenever the Supreme Court is brought face to face with that question it will be found a very difficult one to evade. Mr. Wallace's petition opens a way for the Supreme Court to reconsider the whole subject from a broad point of view and make a decision which shall put an end to litigation and discussion, if it wishes to do so.

REBELLION IS SPREADING.

ALL THE NATIVES FLOCKING TO YOUNG LOBEKULA'S STANDARD.

Unsuccessful Attempt by Explorer Selous to Rout the Unruly Blacks from the Matopos Hills.

LONDON, March 31.—It is reported that the British Chartered South Africa Company, seriously alarmed at the events which are taking place in South Africa, has made strong representations on the subject to the British government, showing that it is absolutely necessary that a large force should be immediately dispatched to the relief of Bulawayo, and pointing out the difficulties which have arisen in the way of the company being able to do so at present. The company was authorized to raise an additional force of 500 men in South Africa, and it is further reported that two additional battalions of British regular troops will be immediately sent to South Africa.

Dispatches from Cape Town say that it is not difficult to obtain accurate information regarding the progress of the rebellion of the natives of Matabeland. The authorities, naturally, are withholding all the information possible, as there is no doubt that it would be made use of by the enemies of British rule in South Africa. It is not denied, however, that the situation here is a most serious one, and that a very strong force of men will be necessary to restore order. Additional advice received at Cape Town from Bulawayo show that the work of placing that town in a state of defense has been completed, so far as the means at hand permit. But there is a lack of arms and ammunition there with which the situation is not very comfortable for them is small. Consequently it has been found desirable to replace these weapons, as far as possible, with the rifles sent out to the police, etc., the stock of ammunition for the latter being fairly adequate. 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